November 18, 2020 @ 6:30 PM -- Remote meeting (gotomeeting.com)

Members participating: Bill Andrews, Ted Briggs, Richard Desjardins

Associate Member participating: Bob Humes

Minutes transcribed from hand-written notes taken by Denise Smith, Department Assistant.

6:30 PM: Meeting opened; Denise Smith read the following:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Upton are being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

Hearing notice read by Ted Briggs.

<u>11 Glenview Rd</u> - Application of Richard Costello for a Special Permit for an existing Accessory Apt for in-law use. Mr. Costello explained that the previous owner had a special permit for the apartment and he recently learned that he also needed a special permit.

Richard Desjardins made a motion to grant Richard Costello of 11 Glenview St a special permit for and existing Accessory Apartment to be used for in-laws; Bill Andrews seconded the motion and Ted Briggs made it unanimous. Roll call vote to approve: BA-Y, RD-Y and TB-Y.

27 Merriam Way – Application of Michael D'Alessandro for a Variance to replace an old shed with a 10' x 16' shed to be 10' from the side property line. No complaints from the abutters.

Richard Desjardins made a motion to grant Michael D'Alessandro of 27 Merriam Way a variance to build a $10' \times 16'$ shed 10' from the side property line; motion seconded by Bill Andrews and made unanimous by Ted Briggs. Roll call vote to approve: BA-Y, RD-Y and TB-Y.

Discussion with Ellen Arnold of 54 Ridge Rd regarding her complaint regarding her neighbors at 53 Ridge Rd who keep their outdoor lights on all night. They shine into her bedroom windows. She has asked the neighbors if they would put a shield on them or put them on a motion sensor but has not had a favorable response. She was told by that neighbor that the lights are on as they have had vandalism to vehicles. Ms. Arnold stated concerns about a transportation business being conducted at this residence.

One Main Street • Suite 16 • Upton, MA 01568 T: 508.529.2633 • F: 508.529.1010 Ted Briggs discussed another site in town where they did install shields and used lower wattage bulbs.

Heidi Schultz-Offria, 53 Ridge Rd, explained that the 2 lights are on posts on the driveway and have been there for over 20 years. She states they don't shine past the driveway and wants to know why these lights are now a problem.

Bill Andrews visited the site and stated the lights don't seem excessively bright, noted another house on the street that were extremely bright.

Ted Briggs asked Ms. Schultz-Offria if the vans are parked overnight. Answer was yes, one vehicle is parked overnight. Ms. Arnold disagreed saying multiple vans are often on this property. Mr. Briggs will visit to review the lights and vans (business vehicles); said more investigation is needed and will address at the next meeting.

Diane Judd, Code Enforcement Dept. Coordinator asked if others can drive by at various times to assess the lights and vehicles. She stated that the Assistant Building Inspector has limited time to investigate.

Paul Dell'Aquila, new part time Town Planner was introduced. He briefly provided his background and asked if the Board would like to have his review/report of future applications.

Ted Briggs indicated that there were a couple bylaw changes that Paul could assist with specifically, language for apartment vs condo situations.

Bill Andrews also mentioned the town center project.

7:00 PM – Motion to adjourn 2nd & approved unanimously by roll call vote BA-Y, RD-Y & TB-Y.

Minutes approved at remote meeting on January 20, 2021.